

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A mounting system for a motor vehicle, said mounting system releasably connected to at least one vehicle-fixed retaining device by at least one locking device, wherein the at least one locking device has at least two movable locks, a first one of said locks being movable in a first direction that is parallel to a longitudinal axis of the vehicle, and wherein at least one of said locks is initially tensioned with one spring element at least partially in or against the direction of locking movement.

2. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 1, wherein said at least two locks are movably supported independently of one another.

3. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 1, wherein a second one of said at least two locks is movably supported for movement in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction.

4. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 2, wherein at least one of the locks is controlled by a guiding device to provide a linear and/or arcuate locking movement.

5. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 4, wherein the guiding device includes an operating system that force and/or form-lockingly controls the locking and/or unlocking.

6. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 5, wherein the operating system includes an automatic controller for facilitating locking and/or unlocking by controlling at least one said lock.

7-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of said locks is held by blocking means in a locking position.

10. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 1, wherein a guiding device has an operating means for locking and/or unlocking a rotary-motion or sliding-motion operating element.

11. (Original) The mounting system according to Claim 1, wherein signaling means are provided which indicate a locking condition.

12. (Original) The mounting system according to Claim 1, wherein the locking device is mounted on a face of the mounting system.

13. (Previously presented) A mounting system for a motor vehicle comprising:

a vehicle side wall having a vehicle fixed retaining device;

a locking device for insertion into and locking securement to the vehicle fixed retaining device, said locking device comprising:

a main lock for projecting outwardly from the locking device, said main lock including a side lock

mounted therein for projecting laterally from the main lock;

an operating device for controlling linear movement of said main lock outwardly from said locking device and for controlling subsequent outward movement of said side lock from said main lock,

wherein operation of said locking device fixedly secures said locking device to said vehicle fixed retaining structure.

14. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 13, wherein said fixed retaining device comprises an opening in the side wall and recesses oriented in a first direction along a longitudinal axis of the vehicle and in a second direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, one of said recesses being capable of receiving the main lock and another of said recesses being capable of receiving said side lock.

15. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 13, wherein said side lock comprises a first side lock and said locking device includes a second side lock movable between a position within said main lock and a position projecting from said main lock, said first side lock being movable outwardly in a linear direction opposite to a linear direction of movement outwardly of said second side lock.

16. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 13, wherein said side lock moves in an arcuate direction.

17. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 13, wherein said operating device for

controlling movement of said main lock and said side lock comprises:

an operating element including a spring for moving said main lock outwardly;

a cable line connected to the side lock for moving the side lock after the outward movement of said main lock is completed,

wherein said main lock and said side lock, in combination, retain said locking device in the vehicle fixed retaining device.

18. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 13, wherein said operating device for controlling movement of said main lock and said side lock comprises:

an operating element including a spring for moving said main lock outwardly, and

a spring element for moving the side lock.

19. (Previously presented) A mounting system for a motor vehicle including a vehicle side wall having a vehicle fixed retaining device defined by an opening that includes therein first, second and third recesses, the second and third recesses facing each other, the mounting system comprising:

a locking device for insertion into and locking securement with the vehicle fixed retaining device, said locking device comprising:

a housing;

first, second and third locks located within the housing for projecting outwardly from the housing, said first lock for projecting outwardly in a first direction to mate with the first recess, said second and third locks projecting outwardly in opposing directions to mate with the second and third recesses, respectively, and

an operating device for controlling linear movement of said locks outwardly from said housing, wherein operation of said locking device fixedly secures said locking device to the vehicle fixed retaining structure.

20. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 19, wherein said opposing directions are perpendicular to the first direction and said operating device comprises:

a rotatable spindle secured to an operating element and a spring element for each said lock.

21. (Previously presented) The mounting system according to Claim 19, wherein said opposing directions are perpendicular to the first direction and said operating device comprises:

a rotatable operating element;  
a cross-shaped operating device; and  
a spring element for each said lock for biasing the respective said lock toward an inward position.